

Application No. 10/773,837

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Official Action mailed on June 3, 2005. This response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 12, 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Palley et al.

Claims 1 and 9-11 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Nistler et al.

Applicant notes with gratitude that claims 3-8, 13, 14 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form with all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. These claims have been rewritten in independent form as indicated and are deemed in a condition for allowance. Claim 17 has been amended to depend from claim 13. Although Applicant respectfully traverses the above rejections, for the purposes of expediting allowance, claims 1, 2, 9-12, 15 and 16 have been canceled.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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